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Subject: Microsoft settlement

> I'm writing to ask you to consider removing all preload contract terms  
> that require only Microsoft operating systems as well as requiring  
> Microsoft to release all information regarding their proprietary file  
> formats and APIs to be as part of any real settlement of their predatory  
> monopoly finding. As it stands now the proposed settlement is worthless  
> and a complete sellout by the USDOJ and does absolutely nothing other than  
> validate their monopoly status and treat it as if it is a natural outcome.  
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> Microsoft has developed and expanded their monopoly by forcing hardware  
> manufacturers to only pre-install Microsoft operating systems on personal  
> computers for years. It is a disgrace that IBM will not pre-load its own  
> superior computer operating system (OS/2) on its own personal computers.  
> Last year during the trial, several major manufacturers had declared they  
> would offer the Linux operating system as a pre-load option. Then it was  
> only to be available on a few models, then only on one or two models, now,  
> after the farce of a settlement outcome of the trial, try and find more  
> than a handful if any among all the major manufacturers. Microsoft can  
> only continue its monopoly by coercion, requiring only its own software on  
> every PC and charging a Microsoft tax on those of us who purchase these  
> systems, but don't want and will not use their products. The only real  
> solution is to make the operating system an option and all systems must be  
> allowed to be sold without an operating system, or with a choice including  
> but not necessarily limited to, OS/2, eComStation Linux, FreeBSD, and  
> Microsoft's current version of Windows.  
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> Currently on my chosen platform, IBM's OS/2 and Serenity System's  
> eComStation (an OEM version of OS/2), I can get some interchange of  
> documents with Microsoft Word and Excel using Lotus SmartSuite or Star  
> Office, but other formats like PowerPoint and Microsoft Media Player are  
> completely inaccessible. Open formats and APIs can be ported over to  
> non-Microsoft platforms and break Microsoft's stranglehold on the world's  
> information. Making all their proprietary formats and APIs open and

> freely available will allow those of us who don't use Microsoft products  
> to not be locked out of electronic discourse and electronic media  
> features.  
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> Please stand firm and refuse to give in to the monopolist Microsoft  
> organization.  
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> Mark Dodel  
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> From the OS/2 Desktop of: Mark Dodel  
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> "The liberty of a democracy is not safe if the people tolerate the  
growth of p  
> rivate power to a point where it becomes stronger than their democratic  
State it  
> self. That in it's essence, is Fascism - ownership of government by an  
individ  
> ual, by a group or by any controlling private power." Franklin Delano  
Roosevelt,  
> Message proposing the Monopoly Investigation, 1938  
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> For a choice in the future JOIN VOICE NOW  
> check out <http://www.os2voice.org/index.html>  
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